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In re Patent Application of:)
Aschenbeck et al.)
Serial No.: 09/975,006) Group Art Unit: 1772
Confirmation No. 8543)
Filed: October 10, 2001) Examiner: W. Watkins
)
For: Roofing Materials Having Engineered Coatings)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the May 12, 2003, office action, Applicants thank the Examiner for pointing out the oversight in the failure to properly elect a species.

Applicants respectfully maintain the traversal the restriction requirement and request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement, as Applicants believe the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden.

As noted in the response dated April 11, 2003, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, Claims 1-20, and if Applicants request for reconsideration is denied, Applicant provisionally requests cancellation of the claims relating to the non-elected groups.

Furthermore, as overlooked in Applicants' prior response, Applicants elect the species of claims 8-10.

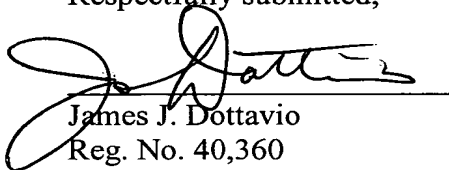
Additionally, Applicants submit herewith an amendment to add new independent claim 53, which is generic to all species provided in claims 1-20. Applicants have also included dependent claims 54-57. No new matter is added with these amendments, support is found in the claims and Specification as filed.

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If any questions should arise with respect to the above remarks, or if it would in any way expedite the prosecution of this case, it is requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at the number listed below. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this response, including any fee for a required extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for which Applicant hereby petitions, please charge all necessary fees to the deposit account.

Attached hereto is a mark-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned, "**VERSION WITH MARKING TO SHOW CHANGES MADE.**"

Respectfully submitted,

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